



TOWN OF HOPKINTON SESTERCENTENNIAL PARADE RULES Avoid Problems by Carefully Reading ALL Rules



Thank you for participating in the Hopkinton Sestercentennial Grand Celebration Parade!

To assure the safety of all involved in the parade as well as spectators, these rules have been developed and are being distributed in advance to eliminate surprises for everyone on parade day. They encompass state statutes as well as additional safety requirements. Please read through all the rules in advance and be sure that you understand them and that your entry is compliant.

Again, thank you for taking part in the celebration.

1. Children riding on vehicles in the parade must remain entirely within the perimeter of the vehicle and if standing must be reasonably protected from probable injury if the vehicle starts or stops. Sitting on the edge of the vehicle with legs or feet hanging off is not permitted. Any standing participant on a float must have a handrail to hold. Any participant on a float who is not seated or who does not have a handrail or safety belt to prevent falls from the float will be removed from the float prior to the start of the parade. Participants shall NOT get on and off vehicles/floats while parade is underway.
2. At least 1 adult, other than the driver, must supervise children riding on vehicles in the parade and have a reasonable means of immediate communication with the driver. The number of adults supervising children shall not be less than one adult per every 4 children and sufficient to ensure that each child is visible to a supervising adult.
3. Floats, towed trailers, flatbed trucks and other vehicles:
 - a) No person may use any type of vehicle with protruding or outrigger wheels in the parade unless the vehicle is suitably modified to protect both riders and pedestrians from the wheel assembly.
 - b) All floats and vehicles will be inspected on parade day. Any violations will result in entry removal from the parade.
 - c) All float and vehicle drivers must hold a valid driver's license. It is the owner/operators responsibility to ensure that proper insurance coverage is in effect. Please have driver's license with you on day of parade.
 - d) Vehicles that normally require registration/inspection, including those towed must have a valid registration and valid state inspection.

- e) Floats must enhance the theme or recognize it in a creative manner. The parade committee will require that each participant adhere to the theme. For more information contact: Ricardo Rodriguez 513-8740 or Louise Carr 746-3370 (municipal vehicles are exempt)
 - f) Railings on floats must be at least 48 inches high.
 - g) The name of the organization, community group or business responsible for the float must be visible to the crowd.
 - h) Float entries with live music or public address systems must indicate so on the application. Portable generators will be securely mounted and a fire extinguisher shall be available.
4. All equestrian units, horses, horse drawn carriages or any other animal unit entries must not be left unattended at anytime. All animal unit entries are responsible to provide adequate water and shall make provisions for cleaning up animal waste.
 5. All dogs/animals must be restrained on properly fitted collars and leashes. It is imperative to the safety of all that animals are not able to pull away from their leaders.
 6. Any entry riding bicycles **MUST** wear helmets.
 7. While entries may distribute candy or souvenirs along the parade route, **NO ONE MAY TOSS OR THROW ANYTHING INTO THE CROWD FROM A FLOAT OR ANY MOVING VEHICLE.** To do so will cause your unit being removed from the parade. If you do have walkers passing out candy or other items, they must do so while walking within close range of the parade spectators to prevent spectators from running toward moving vehicles.
 8. No open flames are allowed.
 9. Parade participants are prohibited from using alcohol or drugs before or during the parade.
 10. Smoking is prohibited anywhere near a float.

HOPKINTON SESTERCENTENNIAL PARADE REGISTRATION FORM

Parade will be held May 30th (rain date 31st) please line up at the high school at 10:00 a.m.

Parade begins at 11:00 a.m.

Registration form due by Friday, May 22nd 2015

Name of Organization: _____

Entry Theme: _____

Address: _____

Contact Name: _____

Phone # _____

Email: _____

Describe your Entry for the Announcer: _____

Type of Unit

___Walking ___Float ___Animal ___Vehicle ___Other

Approximate Length of your Unit: _____ Feet

Number of People Involved with your Float: _____

Number of People Walking: _____

Number of People Riding: _____

You are responsible for reading and understanding the attached Sestercentennial Parade Rules and for sharing the information with all members of your parade group. If your parade entry involves a motorized vehicle, you must attach a copy of certificate of insurance to this registration form.

I hereby certify that I have read and understand the attached Sestercentennial Parade Rules and conditions stated above. I will hold harmless the Town of Hopkinton, Sestercentennial Committee Members, and any individuals involved in the organizing and/or carrying out of the Sestercentennial Parade from any loss, damage or injury resulting from participation of my entry in this event.

Authorized Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Please complete registration form and send to:

Hopkinton Parade Entry

330 Main Street

Hopkinton, NH 03229

Or e-mail to: Parade@hopkinton-nh.gov

Questions Call: Louise at 746-3370 or Ricardo at 513-8740